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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Drawing amendments are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.